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RAYMOND COLOMBEL, ACTING DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURAL POLICY
AT DREE, ON AUGUST 9 GAVE EMBASSY OFFICER SAME INFO CON-
VEYED IN REF (A) ON NEW SUPPLEMENTAL LEVIES FOR TURKEY
BREASTS AND DRUMSTICKS.

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HE SAID FRENCH HAD KEPT U.S. COUNSEL "TO EXERCISE RE-
STRAINT" IN MIND AT EC MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

AUGUST 6 BUT CAP MECHANISMS MADE RISE IN LEVIES INEVITABLE.

COLOMB EL RECOMMENDED THAT U.S. PRODUCERS SHOULD RAISE THEIR PRICES TO EC GATE PRICE TO AVOID LEVIES. IN HIS VIEW SPREAD BETWEEN PRESENT EC GATE PRICE (WHICH IS CALCULATED ON GRAIN AND PRODUCTION COSTS) AND U.S. OFFER PRICE WAS CURRENTLY SO GREAT THAT U.S. COULD BE SUSPECTED OF DUMPING.

HE REPORTED THAT SPOKESMAN FOR FRENCH DELEGATION AT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING WAS GAGNEUX OF MINAG, SECTION CHIEF FOR POULTRY PRODUCTS, SERVING UNDER HENRI CORSON. IN "IMPASSIONED SPEECH" REPORTED IN REF (B), GAGNEUX WAS PROBABLY REACTING TO PRESENT SATURATION OF FRENCH TURKEY MARKET AND PRESSURE OF FRENCH FARM SECTOR.

COMMENT: IN VIEW OF FRENCH INSISTENCE THAT DUTCH ARE PRIME MOVERS BEHIND INCREASE IN GATE PRICES AND LEVIES AND DUTCH DENIAL, IT WILL BE INTERESTING TO NOTE WHO REPLACES THE U.S. IN GERMAN TURKEY MARKET IF SUCH AN UNFORTUNATE EVENTUALITY SHOULD COME TO PASS.

REGARDING U.S. OFFER PRICES, CORSON OF MINAG HAS ALSO COMMENTED ON HOW LOW THEY ARE, ASKING IF U.S. COSTS WERE REALLY SO LOW OR IF THERE WERE SUBSIDIES. WE HAVE REPLIED THERE ARE NO SUBSIDIES.
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